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1. Superior headquarters: A command headquarters at the Ministry of National Defense, as far as source knew.
2. Utvar No.: 4664.
3. Location: Volynskych Cech barracks on the eastern town perimeter. The brigade headquarters and the headquarters of the submachine gun battalion were located in the town center.
4. Officers at Brig Hq: CO: Col Jaroslav Miksicek (promoted to the rank of brigade general in October 1949), a moderate Communist.
Dpty CO: Lt Col Novak (his promotion to the rank of colonel was due), pretended to be an ardent Communist.

5. Organization:

I Hn

CO: Capt Hrdlicka.

II 2m

Lt Col Klein, the previous CO, had been sentenced to six years' imprisonment in connection with the Sabala affair.

III Bn

Capt Drabek, the previous CO, had been sentenced to seven years in jail, also in connection with the Sabala affair.

SMG Bn

At Col Biciste, an officer of the battalion, had been detached to Moscow for training purposes.

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6. Armament:
Two hundred Soviet T34 tanks (estimated)
About 100 Cromwell tanks
About 50 Carrier half-track vehicles.

The Soviet tanks, new T34 tanks with 85-mm guns, had arrived in Zatec about July 1949⁹ about 20 rail shipments of 10 tanks each. They had been shipped via Turcensky Sv. Martin and Milovice, according to a soldier of the escort party.

7. Training: One-month individual training with rifles, followed by 6 to 7-week special training for tank drivers, gunners, and radio operators. Submachine gunners were trained separately. Apart from participating in the large-scale summer maneuvers in the Kaiserwald the brigade held no joint exercises with other units.
8. Supply depots of the brigade: Technical supply depot in Dobricany (N 51/F 10) (see Annex 2).
Ammunition depot near Zatec (see Annex 3).

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Comment:

a. The data on the location and organization of the 21st Tank Brig confirm previous information, with the exception of the statement that the brigade is directly under the Ministry of National Defense. The 21st Tank Brig actually belongs to the Prague 5th Ltz Inf Div.

b. The information on the arrival in Zatec of T34/85 tanks in July 1949 is noteworthy. Other sources later reported on the arrival in Zatec of tanks and on rail shipments of new T34/85 tanks through Slovakia toward Moravia in September 1949.

c. It is believed that the T34/85 tanks were delivered from the Soviet Union and were used for the reequipment with Soviet tanks of the Czechoslovakian tank arm but it is still not known to what degree the 21st Tank Brig has now been reequipped with Soviet tanks.

- 3 Annexes: 1. "Volynskych Cechu" Barracks in Zatec, Czechoslovakia.
2. Technical Depot of the 21st Tank Brig in Dobricany.
3. Ammunition Depot of the 21st Tank Brig in Zatec.

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Legend to Annex 1

Volynskych Cechu Barracks, Zatec

1. Quarters of the submachine gun company
2. Tank school and PX
3. Quarters of the 1st and 2d Tank Cos
4. Quarters of the repair shop company
5. Tank school
6. Equipment depot and dispensary
7. Quarters of the 3rd and 4th Tank Cos
8. Battalion headquarters and telephone exchange
9. Quarters of the headquarters company
10. New kitchen
11. Motion picture theater
12. Quarters of a mixed tank company
13. Offices
14. **Mustering area for troops**
15. Transformer station
16. Tank garages
17. Ordnance workshop
18. Technical workshops
- 19a Old kitchen
- 19b Tank workshops
20. Tank garages
21. to 27. Garages for tanks and motor vehicles (as no garage space was available for the newly issued Soviet tanks, the construction of more garages along the eastern side of the barracks area was started)

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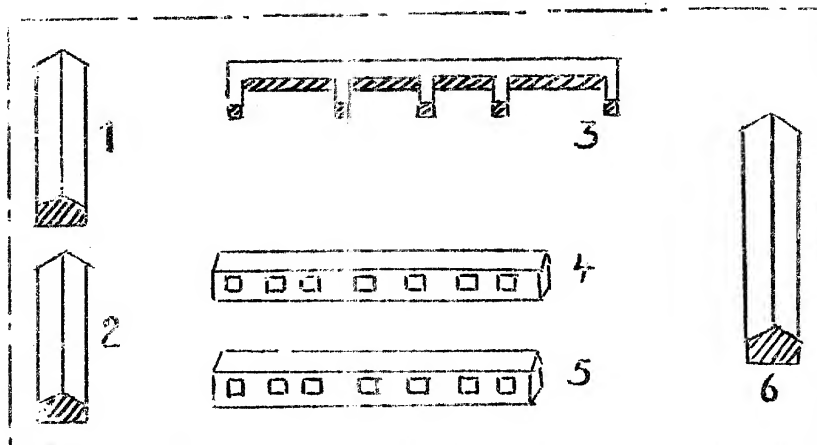
- 31. Underground gasoline containers, 7 meters long and 3 meters in diameter
- 32. Garages under construction.

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Technical Depot of the 21st Tank Brig in DOBRICANY

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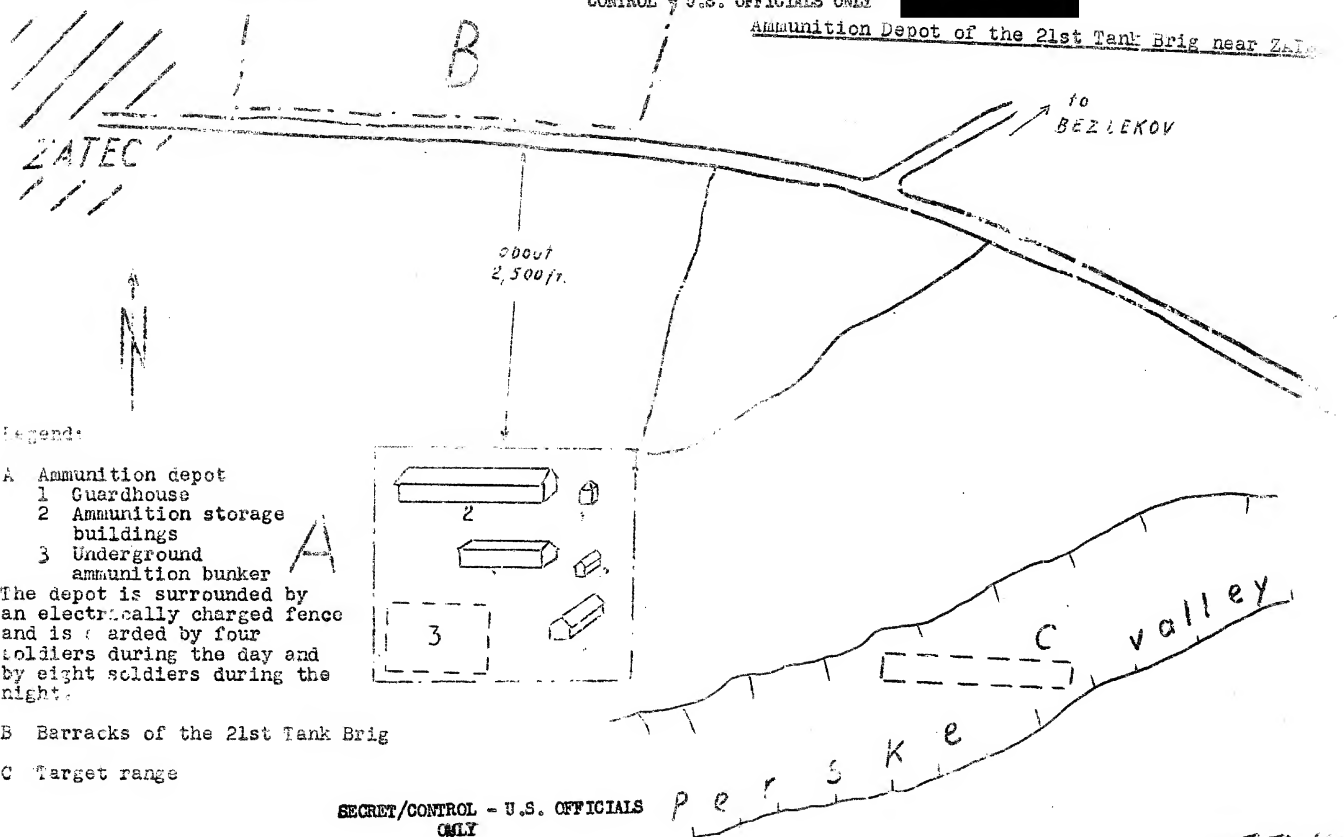
Legend:

- 1 Guardhouse and storerooms for spare parts of wheeled vehicles
- 2 Storerooms for spare parts of tanks
- 3 Concrete revetments, about 13 feet high, for storage of gasoline and oil
- 4 to 6 Storerooms for engine spare parts of tanks and wheeled vehicles.

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AMMUNITION Depot of the 21st Tank Brig near ZATEC



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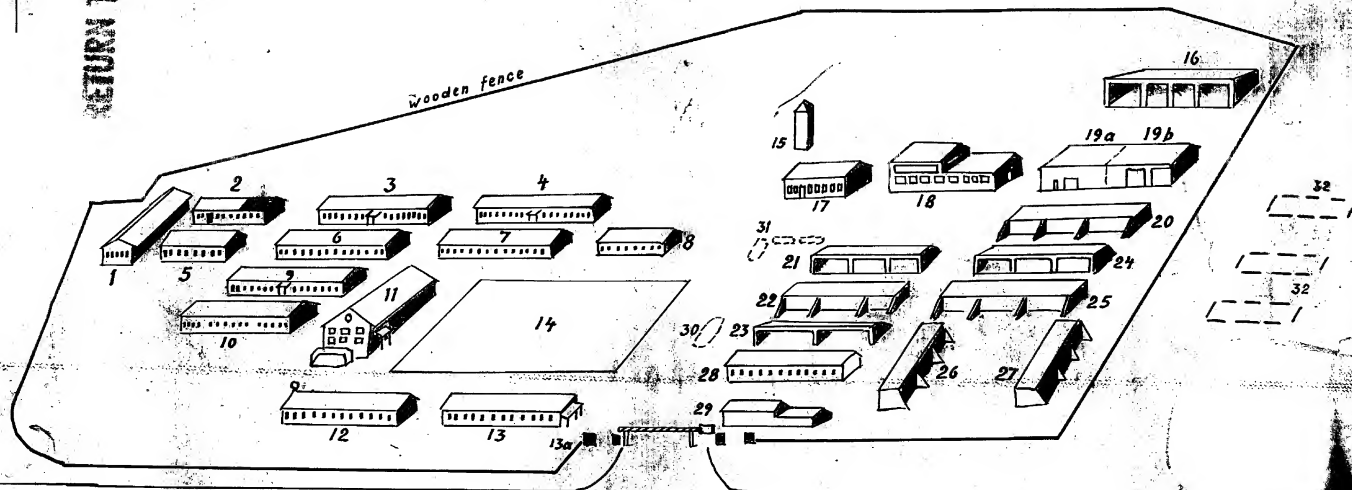
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"Volynskych Gochu" Barracks in ZATEC, Czechoslovakia

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